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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Reply is being filed in response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 19, 2007, in connection with the above application. Applicants respectfully request an extension of the period for filing a reply in the above identified application for two months under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). A Petition for a two-month extension of time is filed herewith. Please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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